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opment of the law on this subject by the application of legal principles to the novel questions which are being constantly presented to the courts is very interestingly discussed in this work.

The liability of common carriers receives its due share of attention. From an insurer at common law the extraordinary liability of carriers has been modified, until now decisions are to be found upholding contracts, made upon a valuable consideration, which excuse carriers from liability even when the damage is caused by their own negligence.

As to whether carriers of passengers may limit their liability for damages resulting from their own negligence, there are three distinct classes of cases. The first class holds that such contracts are not to be permitted, while the second maintains the exact opposite. The third class holds that carriers may so limit their liability, provided the negligence does not amount to gross negligence. Admitting there is much difficulty in deciding, nevertheless, the author thinks the weight of authority to be that carriers of passengers can not limit their liability, by special contract or otherwise, when the damage results from their own negligence.

The book is divided into seven parts. The subject of Part I is Ordinary Bailments. Part II is devoted to Pledge or Pawn. The pledging of negotiable, non-negotiable and quasi-negotiable paper is here discussed at length. Part III has to do with Innkeepers and Boardinghouse keepers, and contains a very careful examination of the liability of these persons. Part IV is a short section on the liability of the Post Office Department. Parts V and VI apply to Carriers. A very valuable chapter on actions against carriers concludes the book—a discussion of pleadings, evidence and damages.

The volume is very valuable for its comprehensive definitions. Recognizing the practical nature of the subject, the author deals with it in a direct and practical manner, so that the work promises to be,—as the writer hopes it will be,—“instrumental in aiding the student of law in his researches.” The book contains a table of cases cited, and concludes with a complete index.

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*Bishop's Directions and Forms.* Practical Directions and Forms for the grand jury room, trial court and court of appeal in criminal causes, with full citations of precedents from the reports and other books. By Joel Prentiss Bishop, LL.D., Honorary *Doctor Juris Utriusque* of the University of Berne. Second Edition by Winslow Evans, Ph.D., of the Peoria, Illinois, Bar. Chicago: T. H. Flood & Co. 1901. 1 vol. pp. 675.

The first edition of this work was published in 1885. It completes the author's criminal law series, a task which took him thirty-two years to accomplish, and contains full and ample “directions” for the various steps in every sort of criminal cause, within the range of the reported cases. Its breadth of scope and logical arrangement has made it almost indispensable to the practicing lawyer. In revising the work the editor has not changed the text or forms, and has removed the only ground of criticism of the original edition by adding forms of bills of exceptions.

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*Law of Guaranty Insurance.* By Thomas Gold Frost, Ph.D. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, 1902. 547 pages.

For several years past the constantly increasing importance of guaranty insurance has impressed upon lawyers generally the need of a text-book